Christian Information

Concerning these Last times.

Wherein all people may clearly see what Prophesies the holy *Prophets* prophesied of should come to pass: which of them is fulfilling, and which is fulfilled; and how the lowest part of the great Image, that *Daniel* shewed to the King, is now a breaking to pouder, and by whom; whereby People may see, how very-near *Antichrist*, or the great *Whore of Babylon*, is to her End.

Also some prophetical Passages gathered out of *Jacob Behme*'s Works, who prophesied and gave them forth, in the year, 1623. Concerning what should come to pass in these *Northern Islands*; and as he then declared them, they are now come to pass; and also what he said concerning the *Turk*, what he was, what he should do, and what should at last become of him.

Written in the fifth Month, by *F. E.*

Here is Wisdom, let him that hath Wit, count the Number of the Beast, for its the number of a Man; and his Number is (all the numeral Letters in the *Roman* Alphabet, being rightly placed thus;) MDCLXVI. *Revel.* 13.18.

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Chriſtian INFORMATION *concerning theſe Laſt Times.*

CHriſt Jeſus, the Light of the World, was (as you may read, *Mat.* 16.) tempted with an hypocritical People, who deſired that he would ſhew them a ſign from heaven; but he anſwered and ſaid unto them, *When it is evening, ye ſay, fair weather, for the ſkie is red; and in the morning, the day ſhall be tempeſtuous, for the ſkie is red and lowring: O ye hypocrites, ye can diſcern the face of the ſkie, and can ye not diſcern the ſigns of the times?* O ye Rulers of this Nation of *England*, and the People thereof, can ye as yet diſcern any more concerning the ſigns of the times, that you now live in, then thoſe Hypocrites did in the dayes by-paſt? can ye not at all diſcern what the Lord hath done, and what the Lord is bringing to paſs in this your day? is not our God working a Work in your day, and ſuch a Work as you will not believe though it be declared unto you? Nay, are not you covered with thick darkneſs, more than any age or generation of men that ever went before you? Have not you had the Writings of the holy Prophets, and of Chriſt and his Apoſtles, that have propheſied from the holy Spirit of the Lord; and they have left unto you upon record, what the Lord would bring to paſs in the latter dayes; and the Book is ſealed unto you yet; ſo that you will not (or cannot) read what is written therein? O all you that profeſs your ſelves Chriſtians, and ſay you own that which is written in the holy Scriptures of Truth, and yet are found at this day walking and acting clear contrary to that which is written in that which you own and profeſs, both Rulers, Prieſts & People: will not the words that Chriſt hath left unto you upon record judge you all at the laſt day, who are found making void his Commands by your Precepts? is there not one Lawgiver, who is able to ſave and deſtroy, left you upon record? and ought not all mens Laws to be ſubordinate unto his Law? O conſider theſe things, for the Lord will ſuddenly ariſe againſt ſuch a People, that have deſtroyed (or made void) his righteous Law. O Nation of *England*, the Land of my Nativity, which way ſhall I take up a Lamentation for thee, and how do I mourn for thee, to ſee both

Rulers, Priests and People, setting themselves, like so many briers and brambles, to prevent and stop the Work of the Lord, that he hath decreed shall now be brought to pass in the Earth; and though the Scriptures, that you say you own, declare of such a Work, as that *the Lord will overthrow Babylon*; and *the Lamb and his Followers shall have the victory over the Dragon and his Followers*, yet you will not believe, but set your selves, with all your power, against the Lord, and against his People; abusing, and shamefully intreating his faithful Prophets, whom he hath raised by his own Power, and that in your own borders first, to declare unto you his *everlasting Gospel*, that so you might be *turned from darkness unto Light*, and *from the power of Satan unto God*: And also they have, as righteous *Noah* did, declared unto you, that the Lord would suddenly bring a Deluge upon the world of ungodly men, if they did not suddenly repent, and turn from their wicked wayes. And this Message of the King of Heaven, they have faithfully declared through thy Streets, Cities and Markets, unto all thy Inhabitants, as well unto thee, *O King Charles* (whom their God hath set upon thy Throne) as to the Begger that sits upon the Dunghil; and in so doing, the Lord's Mercy hath been large unto you all, in that he hath faithfully warned you all by his Servants, the thing that must suddenly be fulfilled upon you: but have you done as the King of *Nineveh* did, with his People? or have you at all believed the report of the Lord's Servants? but have you not done as those did in *Zedekiahs* day, both Rulers and People? *Have you not done evil in the sight of the Lord, and have not humbled your selves before him?* 2 Chron. 36. have not all the chief of the Priests, and also of the People, trespassed wonderfully according to all the Abominations of the Heathen, in teaching for Doctrines, mens Precepts? And hath not the Lord God of your Fathers, sent to you by his Messengers (whom you in derision call *Quakers*) and they have faithfully declared his Message unto you; And have not you *mocked the Messengers of the Lord*; and made a Decree that his Labourers shall no more labour in this his Vineyard? and you have despised their words, and misused and imprisoned his Prophets, whom he hath sent, until the Lord's Wrath is risen against you, and there will be no remedy; and will you, *who are as Briars and Thorns, set your selves in battle-aray against the Lord, who is a consuming Fire to all the workers of Iniquity*, and whose day (that is near at hand) *burns like an oven, and all the proud, and all that does wickedly*

wickedly, ſhall be as ſtubble, and the day that cometh ſhall burn them up, ſaith the Lord of Hoſts, and ſhall leave them neither root nor branch, Mal.4.1. O fooliſh people, conſider theſe things, before it be too late, and *ceaſe to do evil, and learn to do well*; ſeek Judgement, relieve the oppreſſed, judge the Fatherleſs, and defend the Widdows: but if you do not theſe things, but (on the contrary,) let your Decree ſtand, that will make many thouſands widdows, and thouſands fatherleſs; the Lord will never reaſon with you, but by his ſore Judgements he will overthrow you, and none ſhall be able to help you, ſaith the Lord God.

For this the Lord hath commanded me to declare unto you, and alſo to his ſuffering Lambs, who ſuffers under your power at this day, that ſo you may be warned of the evil of your wayes, and his People may be comforted, *that their day of deliverance draweth very near*, that ſo they may ſtand with boldneſs this day of great tryal, not fearing what man can do unto them; for the Lord hath ſhewed unto me the ſigns of the time in which we live; and thoſe *Viſions that were for an appointed time*, ſhewed unto the Prophets of the Lord, *Hab.2.3.* do now at laſt in this our day, *ſpeak, and not lye*; and though it tarryed, yet we have waited for it, and they are ſurely come, and muſt ſtay no longer.

Now this I declare not unto you by only reading of the Hiſtory without me, hearing there that ſuch things are to come to paſs; but I declare of what the Lord hath wrought of his Work *within me*: And who ever judgeth of the times by no other thing than what he finds in the hiſtory without him, or by what he may attain unto by the ſtars, or by the face of the heavens, without him, ſuch a one can never know the ſigns of the times, but is one with the hypocritical Generation among whom he lives. And as the unbelieving Jews, who had the Propheſies of Chriſt's being born among them, and the place where he ſhould be born, yet when he was born, according to the writings they had, they would not believe it was he, but perſecuted him, and put him to death: And as *William Lilly* in his Book, [*Monarchy or no Monarchy*] had a clear ſight by what he ſaw, and read without him, of the Lord's People that ſhould ariſe in this Nation, what manner of People they ſhould be, what they ſhould do, how they ſhould *Convert People*, which had been a thing but only talked of, and how they ſhould proſper, and he not at all witneſſing the thing, he declared of within him, but only what he ſaw *by things* without him, I ſay, when

when those people were brought forth, according to what he had declared, and in every thing agreeable, in Life, Conversation, and Doctrine, to what he had given forth; yet this man, as the unbelieving *Jews*, would not believe when they were come, that such were the people he had prophesied of; but his Wife who minded the teaching of the Lord within her, and giving heed unto that, she could say of a truth, when those people arose, that they were the People of the Lord that her Husband had before declared of.

Now *all dear Friends* and People every where, you may know that there was a time, after *Adam* and *Eve* had transgressed the Righteous Law of God, that the Lord in his love made a Promise unto them, *that the Seed of the Woman should break the Serpents head.* While man lives in sin and transgression, this is not witnessed. And so according to the Doctrine of the Priests of *England*, who say (contrary to the Scripture and Book of Common-Prayer) that none shall ever be perfect, or freed from committing sin while on this side of the grave; and so denies this promise of the Lord, in that the Seed of the Woman shall ever break the Serpents head; and so would make God a lyar, in not performing what he hath promised; but this promise through the Lords love many at this day can witness: and who witnesseth this, their day of deliverance is come.

After *Moses* prophesied that *the Lord should raise them a Prophet like unto him, and him they should hear in all things*; And this Prophet is come, and the Lords People hear him, teaching in them, and are made willing to be subject unto his Laws, and Government. And because they do so, therefore the Kings of the earth, and the Rulers, they take counsel against the Lord, and against his People, and would have them do things, contrary to the Law that this great Prophet, who is come, hath left them upon Record, to observe and do; and great penalties are laid upon them if they will not break his Righteous Law: and if that person must be cut off that will not hear this Prophet, what will be the portion of those Rulers, that make Decrees, and Laws, to cause his Righteous Law to be broken, and persecute those that keep his Law? Consider these things and repent. *Ezekel* 37. The Lord shewed him in a Vision the True Seed of Spiritual *Israel*, which were represented by the dry bones, which lay scattered in the open fields, and lo he saw them to be very dry; and the Lord said unto him,

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Son of Man, Can these bones live? And the Prophet answered, *Lord, thou knoweth.* O my dear Friends, who lay with me in the open field, and who the Lord sent, his faithful Servants, out of the *North* Countrey to prophesie upon us dry bones, and they did as the Lord commanded them, and said unto us, Hear the Word of the Lord, *Thus saith the Lord unto these dry bones, Behold I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live, and I will lay sinews upon you, and make flesh grow upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath into you, that ye may live, and ye shall know that I am the Lord.* So the Lord's Prophets prophesied as he had commanded them; and as they prophesied, there was *a noise*, and behold there was *a shaking*, (or trembling) and at that time, those that were not of the True Seed of *Israel*, seeing us tremble and quake at the Word of the Lord, they in scorn in that Day called us *Quakers*; then as they continued prophesying upon us, *We dry bones came together, bone to his bone*; This was the beginning of the Lord's Peoples Meetings, and therefore we cannot but meet together, as many as the Lord shall move to make up a body, notwithstanding the Decrees of men would have us meet but to the Number of *Four* besides the Houshold, and so would have us to be a weak and infirm body, contrary to what the Lord hath joyned together to make up the body; *but we cannot say to the eye, we have no need of thee, nor to the hand, we have no need of thee,* but every Member is to be useful and helpful in his place, to the comfort of the body: and since we have come to witness this prophesie fulfilled in us, in this our day, our God hath not only knit our bones together with sinews, whereby we are strengthened one by another, and his love is shed abroad in our hearts, that makes flesh to grow and cover these bones; but also he hath put his Spirit of Life into us, whereby we come to feel and taste and handle of our God, and that makes us live out of the pleasures, customs, fashions and traditions of this world; and this Life that our God hath put into us, makes us to stand upon our feet, and we are become an exceeding great Army, having neither *Sword* nor *Spear*, but *the Spirit of the Living God.*

Now *dear Friends*, many thousands of you, you know, are come with me hither, therefore fear not, for we are the people that this prophesie shall very shortly be fulfilled upon, notwithstanding the Decrees of men to root us out, for none are of the True Seed of the house of *Israel*, but those whom the Lord hath or shall make

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ſenſible of their dry bones condition, and that witneſs the Work of the Lord within them, and be not diſmayed, though you hear of *Gog* and *Magog*; (that is all who own not the Truth as it is in Jeſus,) riſing up and gathering themſelves againſt you, threatning to baniſh and to root out this Army, whom the Lord by his mighty power hath at this day raiſed up, according to *Ezekiel's* propheſie; for if thou read the 38. and 39. chapters, thou ſhalt there ſee, *who among the Nations ſhall be delivered from Gog and his Army*, and who ſhall deliver them. Thou mayeſt read, that he ſhall overcome many people, and but one ſort of people ſhall be delivered from him, and they are ſuch who live without *walled Towers*, that are at reſt, and that dwell in ſafety; which dwell all without *walls*, and have neither *Bars* nor *Gates*, which are not of the *National Churches*, which are the People that are gathered out of the Nations; theſe are they that the Lord will deliver, that have *broken their Spears into Pruning-hooks, and their Swords into Sithes, that have learned to War no more.* And all you people of what Religion ſoever, that cannot witneſs theſe things in your own particulars, as being truly called from the dry bones ſtate, and that have not *Salvation for Walls and Bullwarks*, which are not yet redeemed from a War-like Spirit, and that are not come to witneſs Chriſts Kingdom come, which is not of this world, who are not yet entred into your Reſt, Chriſt Jeſus the Light, in whom is ſafety, and no where elſe, and that are not as yet gathered out of the Nations, but are yet with them in their Wayes, Worſhips, Faſhions and Cuſtoms, you muſt all fall under *Gog* and his Army, and as ſoon as you are all overcome by him, then will the Lord overthrow *Gog* with all his Army; and this is ſuddenly to come to paſs, and the Lord will perform it for his Seeds ſake.

And that this propheſie hath not been in former time fulfilled, the Prophet ſaith in the 38. *Chap.* and 16. *verſe, it ſhall be in the latter dayes.*

And for the comfort of the Suffering Seed of the Lord this day, this I am to declare unto you, *That this is the time that* Daniel's *Propheſie is now to be fulfilled*, (though it hath been long a fulfilling) for we are in that time, that *Daniel* ſaw, *Chap.* 2. 41, 42, 43, 44. And the Lord hath by his Power cut us out of the Mountain without hands, for every hand hath been againſt us, ever ſince he cut us forth; *And this ſtone cut out without hands, doth grow, and it muſt, and will, fill the whole earth*, and now it is

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at work to *break in pieces* the latter part of *the great Image, whoſe feet and toes were part Iron, and part Clay*; ſo the Kingdom is partly ſtrong, and partly broken; and as this part of the Image is a mixture of Clay and Iron, ſo hath Anti-Chriſt's Kingdom, mingled themſelves with the Seed of men, ſome in one form, and ſome in another form, ſo that they cannot joyn together, but *Papiſts* againſt *Epiſcopal*, and *Epiſcopal* againſt *Presbytery*, and *Presbytery* and all others, againſt thoſe who are cut out of the Mountain without hands: *But in the dayes of theſe Kings, hath the God of Heaven ſet up a Kingdom, which ſhall never be deſtroyed*, (therefore fear not) *and this Kingdom ſhall not be given unto another people, but it ſhall break and deſtroy all theſe Kingdoms, and it ſhall ſtand for ever*; and it will be as hard a work for the men of this Generation, to remove this Mountain whom the Lord hath cut out without hands, and to carry it away from this Iſland beyond the Seas, as to remove the greateſt Mountain upon the earth, and to carry it to the place they have decreed; for if the Decree of the Lord be, that it *muſt fill the whole earth*, where will vain man have a place to put it; Therefore I ſay unto the men of this Generation, who make Laws and Decrees, againſt the Laws and Decrees of the Lord, as once *Ba'aam* ſaid to *Balaak* and his Princes, *Hearken ye Kings, and give ear ye Princes, God is not as man that he ſhould lie, neither as the ſon of man that he ſhould repent; hath he ſaid, and ſhall he not do it?* Hath he ſaid that *Babylon ſhall fall* and be broken, and that the Image which *Daniel* ſaw, ſhould be broken by the ſtone cut out of the Mountain without hands, and that in the latter dayes, and that thoſe people ſhall be delivered from the Sword, that cannot fight with a Carnal Sword, but are redeemed out of it; and hath he ſaid it, and will he not do it? and hath he ſpoken by his Servants the Prophets, what he will bring to paſs in the earth, and ſhall he not accompliſh it? Hath he ſpoke by *Jeremiah* his Faithful Prophet, *Jer.* 23. *Behold the dayes come, ſaith the Lord, that I will raiſe unto* David *a Righteous Branch, and a King ſhall reign and proſper, and ſhall execute Judgement and Juſtice, in the earth, in his dayes* Judah *ſhall be ſaved, and* Iſrael *ſhall dwell ſafely; and this is the Name whereby they ſhall call him, The Lord our Righteouſneſs*; Therefore behold the dayes come ſaith the Lord, that *they ſhall no more ſay, the Lord liveth that brought up the Children of* Iſrael *out of the Land of* Egypt, (Mark) that deliverance was Great; but one is coming near that ſhall be greater,

unto which the leſſer muſt give place; and in this our day we witneſs it a fulfilling, and we can in meaſure ſay already, *The Lord liveth, which brought up and led the Seed of the Houſe of* Iſrael *out of the* North *Country*, (mark that) *and from all Countries where they were ſcattered, and they ſhall dwell in their own Land*; Therefore lift up your heads all you who are come hither, for deliverance is near unto you; for now is the Lord fulfilling of this Propheſie upon his people, and in this *Northern* Iſland hath he begun his great work, in bringing up his Seed, and leading out of the *North* Countrey, and from all other Countries where they have been ſcattered; for now is the Woman ſpoken of in the *Revelation*, returning out of the Wilderneſs, whom the Dragon caſt forth floods after, but the Man-Child was caught up to God, but the Dragon made great War, and hath perſecuted her Seed; but now is the everlaſting Goſpel Preached, by the Angel that flew in the midſt of Heaven; And the next tydings will be, *Babylon is fallen, for ſhe made all the Nations drink of the Wine of the Wrath of her Fornication*, (mark that) ſhe forced the Nations to drink of her Wine, of the Cup of Fornication; but the Kings of the Earth were not forced to drink of her Cup, but they drank it freely from her hand, and were ſo much in love with her, that they joyned with her, and committed Fornication freely with her; and the Merchants of the earth waxed rich, of the abundance of her pleaſures; but now the dayes of her mourning is come, and coming upon her, and the dark night of Apoſtacy, in which ſhe hath drunk the blood of the Saints, is near come to an end; *And the tydings out of the* Eaſt, *and out of the* North, *doth now ſore trouble her*, and what the Lord ſpake through that Faithful Servant of his *Jacob Behme*, in the Year 1623. is now near to be fulfilled, as may be read in his Book, entituled, *A Chriſtian Information concerning the Laſt Times*, wherein he ſaith, *The Oriental Beaſt getteth an Humane heart and face, viz.* that is, *The* Turk *ſhall turn a true Chriſtian; but before this comes to paſs, while he is a beaſt, he ſhall help to tear down the Tower of* Babel *with his Claws; for this end hath the Lord raiſed him, that ſo the tydings out of the* Eaſt *ſhould trouble* Babel: And likewiſe the tydings out of the *North* doth at this day mightily trouble the *Inhabitants* of *Babel* to hear *that the Lord hath raiſed his Seed in the* North *Countrey*; and now they beſtir themſelves, and they would have them driven out of this *North* Countrey by all means, and if ever they ſhall return again within ſeven years,

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hen they muſt die without benefit of their Clergie ; It ſeems the Clergie will neither ſave their lives, nor have pitty of them, nor pray for them. O hard-hearted Generation of Clergy men, will you not pray for Enemies, nor have pitty on them, but give the Lambs of Chriſt, if they come amongſt you, up to the ſlaughter? Are you like unto *Chriſt, who came not to deſtroy mens lives, but to ſave mens lives* ? Though you have *Horns like the Lamb*, yet you *ſpeak like the Dragon* ; and you appear to be *Wolves in Sheeps skins*, that are thus minded.

But hear further what this *German* Author ſaid, further he ſaid, *In the darkneſs of the* North *ariſeth a Sun, which taketh its Light from the ſenſualiſh properties of the Nature of all Beings, from the former expreſſed Word* ; *and this is a Wonder, at which all Nations rejoyce* ; This is fulfilled in this Nation.

Alſo he ſaith, *An Eagle* (*viz. the Emperor of* Germany) *hath hatched young Lyons in his Neſt, and brought them Prey, till they have grown great, hoping that they would again bring their Prey to him; but they have forgotten that, and taken the Eagles Neſt, and pluck off his Feathers, and in unfaithfulneſs bit off his Claws, ſo that he can fetch no more Prey, though he ſhould ſtarve for hunger.*

Alſo he ſaith concerning the *Turk*, *That he ſhould very eaſily come to the* Rhine *ſtream, which now the* Turk *at this time is near*, being a River that runs through the heart of *Germany*, *where* (ſaith he) *then the great overthrow of the Children of* Babilon *may come to paſs, where two great Rods ſhall appear, the one by War, the other by Mortality, in which* Babel *ſhall be ruined, ſaith the Spirit of the Lord, in all thoſe who have propheſied before us.*

Further he ſaith, *A Lilly bloſſometh to you ye* Northern *Countries, if you deſtroy it not with the Sectarian contention of the Learned, then it will become a great Tree among you; but if you ſhall rather contend then to know the True God, then the Ray paſſeth by, and hiteth only ſome ; and then afterwards you ſhall be forced to draw water for the thirſt of your Souls, among ſtrange Nations.*

And as it was propheſied of by this Prophet of the Lord, ſo the Lord hath brought it to paſs, and the Lilly is bloſſomed in this Iſland, and the Sectarian Contention of the Learned, have done what they can to overthrow this Lilly : as witneſs of the publick Teachers in theſe Nations, that have Writ and Printed againſt the Lilly ; as is to be ſeen in the Book put forth by *George Fox*, and Intituled, *The great Myſtery of the Whore unfolded*, wherein 197.

of the publick Teachers are confuted, and their Errors condemned, and their mouths ſtopped to their ſhame for ever, and ſo the Lilly is become a great Tree in this Nation; Praiſes to the Lord for ever.

And for all you who do not witneſs the Lilly brought forth in you, but are ready to ask what this Lilly is, the Author tells you in his Book what it is, and how you may know it.

The Lilly (ſaith he) *will not be found in ſtrife or Wars, but in a friendly, humble, loving Spirit, together with good ſound Reaſon; this will diſpel and drive away the ſmoak of the Devil, and flouriſh in its time, to the overthrowing of* Babel, *and the building up of* Zion.

Alſo in his book he ſaith, *That the Turks, after they have tared down the Tower of Babel as a Beaſt, with their claws, and given thoſe People and Nations Blood to drink, that have drunk the Blood of the Saints and Martyrs of Jeſus, then they ſhall* (ſaith he) *come in with great joy and great humility, unto Abraham,* viz. *that is to ſay, unto Chriſt.*

And (he ſaith) *They ſhall not come in, in the form of the Babylonical formal, litteral Chriſtendom, in their invented and contrived Orders, which are only verbal, outſide Chriſtians, ſo that a Teſtimony, and ſome outward footſteps of Chriſt and his Kingdom, have ſtill continued upon the Earth, but they ſhall be born in ſpirit and power, for they are the loſt Son, that is wandred away from the Father, and is become the Swineherd.*

But when the Angel ſhall bid them return, they come in the humility of the loſt Son, returning to the Father, where then the great Joy ſhall be kept by Chriſt and his Angels, that the dead is made alive, and the loſt is again found, and the true golden Jubal year of the marriage of the Lamb ariſeth up among them.

And albeit Chriſtendom, the Elder Brother (who hath continued in the Letter) doth grumble at it, in reſpect of the different form, that he hath made to himſelf (for the moſt part for his belly and honour) yet they are not moved at it, they are merry with the Father.

And they are the two Sons: to one whereof the Father ſaid, Go and do this; and he ſaid, Yea, but did it not: and to the other Son (which is the Turk) Do this, and he ſaid, No, but did it, which doth ſo highly advance (and magnifie) the Turks in the Kingdom of Nature, which the blind Chriſtian World doth not underſtand: and though Chriſtendom calls them by the name of Infidels and Unbelievers, yet, ſaith, he

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they are both alike while the one lives like the other. And as it is written, *Gal.*4.29. *He that is born after the flesh, persecutes him that is born after the spirit.* So all Persecutors, may see what stock they proceed from (the bond woman) who must be cast out, and the time draws very near; for he, who ever he be, that persecutes his brother, is in *Cains* way, and is a Murtherer; for when there were but only *Cain* and *Abel* born in the Earth, yet he that was the Persecutor, would have an uniformity in Religion, and because his Brother would not offer sacrifice as he did, he was wrath with him, and slew his brother, and the reason was, because the one Sacrifice was accepted with the Lord, and the Persecutors was not.

And there is no other reason or cause at this day, that men are so mad to persecute, to banish, kill & imprison their brethren, because they cannot worship as those do, who teach for Doctrine Mens Precepts: and by their so doing, they find no acceptance with the Lord; and this makes their countenance change, and they grow in wrath, and make cruel Laws against their Brethren, who worship God in Spirit & in Truth, and whose worship is accepted of the Lord; but as it was with their first father *Cain*, who was the first persecutor, he *became a fugitive and a vagabond upon the earth*, and the Lord set a mark upon him. So let all Persecutors in this age, take notice of this one thing, That God hath in all Ages and Generations, punished this Sin of *Persecution*, with one and the same Judgement, let it be found in whom it will, as Scripture at large do shew, and Histories make mention; and the punishment was this, *Their houses was left unto them desolate.* See Mat.23.37,38. *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the Prophets, and stonest them that were sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thee, but ye would not,* viz. *Behold* (saith Christ) *your habitation shall be left unto you desolate.* And if Persecutors in this Age were not blind, they might reade, the Judgement of the Lord that have followed Persecutors in this particular, upon those that are gone before them; for as man lets Envy into his heart, which is the ground of Murther and Persecution, it eats out all good in him, and makes his heart desolate of all good Motions of the Spirit of the Lord, so it is without: Pesecutors by that sin, disposes themselves at last, and the Lord drives them from their habitation without; for all Persecutors are all unreasonable men, and ever were: for if I should ask a *King, Parliament* or *Council*, that make Laws to force:

force all other People to worſhip in that Manner, Form, Time and Place as they ſhall preſcribe, and if I be not convinced in my own Conſcience, that their way is right, and agreeable to the true Worſhip of God, which is in Spirit & in Truth, and if I ſhould worſhip in their way, I ſhould ſin againſt God, and againſt mine own Conſcience, then if I ask that *King*, *Parliament* or *Council*, if they will undertake at the laſt day in my behalf *(when God ſhall judge the Secrets of all hearts by Jeſus Chriſt)* and will then keep me from the Eternal Puniſhment, that muſt be fulfilled upon all thoſe that worſhip God after mens Precepts, and contrary to that meaſure of Light he hath given me to profit and worſhip withal, dare any *King*, *Parliament* or *Council* give me any aſſurance that they will do it for me? If they ſhould ſay they would, yet I could not believe them, that they were able, or that they can ſave their own ſouls; neither can I believe that there is any *reſpect of perſons with God*, but *Kings* as well as others, *muſt appear naked and bare before the Lord*, and *every one ſhall receive according to the things done in the body, whether good or evil*; and alſo I read, *that Tophet is prepared for the King as well as for the Beggar*: Therefore ſeeing the *King* cannot ſave my ſoul, is it not an unreaſonable thing, that he ſhould force me to deſtroy my own Soul? Beſides, the *King* is not *that great Prophet that we are to hear in all things*, but ſhould be ſervant to that great Prophet: for *Daniel* and the three Children could not worſhip according to the Law of the King, and were juſtified in their ſo doing; as we may read, *Dan.* 3. 18.

Now ſeeing it is ſo, let all that fear the Lord, endeavour to keep their Conſcience clean and void of offence, both towards God and towards man, what ever we ſuffer under the hands of wicked and unreaſonable men; for the time is near, that *God will lift up his hand for his People, to deliver them after the manner of Egypt*: And if the Lord ſhould ſuffer any of us to be baniſhed for his Truth ſake, from the Land of our Nativity, I know the Lord would give us favour in the ſight of the People firſt, as he hath done already, and we ſhould get much of their love with us, which is their beſt *Jewels*; and *though it be midnight now, yet but few Dogs bark at us as they have done formerly*; for the Lord's Truth doth begin to be of good report in this Nation, and few are the number of Perſecutors now, as hath been formerly: (and as God ſet a mark upon *Cain* for perſecuting his Brother, ſo all men now that are God-like minded, and all that God hath given a ſpirit of mode-

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ſation unto, they mark all that are Perſecutors now; and whoever he be that now is a Perſecutor, he is as much marked, as he that is a thief, and ſteals from his neighbour, the one being led by the ſpirit of covetouſneſs, and the other by a murtherous ſpirit of envy, and both of the Devil.) And the greateſt part of men, are much moderated as to thoſe called *Quakers*, whereby I ſee that *Babylon falls apace*; *for where moderation is, the Lord is near at hand*, and the Devil hath now but a ſhort time, which makes him rage the more; for we live in theſe dayes, wherein Scripture-Propheſies are fulfilled, and the Antient Viſions do now ſpeak, and we know what times we live in; and our God hath given us of his *Light*, *Life*, and *Power*, and hath called us to be of *the Firſt Fruits unto the Lamb*, and to be of that Number that muſt break in pieces the great Image, and now at laſt to ingage with the Lamb, to fight with the Dragon, and his Followers, which will be the laſt battel: for as the Lord hath been pleaſed to raiſe his Seed, according as his Servants have foretold, and Scriptures have declared, in this Northren Iſland firſt, and from hence hath ſent his faithful Servants, in theſe late years, to the outmoſt parts of the Earth, to preach his *Everlaſting Goſpel* to the ſons of men, and the Lord's Work hath proſpered in their hands; *ſo certainly as he hath begun his great work in this Iſland, ſo the Lord will finiſh it in this Iſland, and Antichriſt ſhall have his mortal blow in this Iſland firſt*, whereby all *Nations* that hear of it, *their hearts ſhall be ſtruck with fear, to hear what the mighty God hath done for his poor afflicted People in* England. And the Servant of the Lord, *J. S.* hath declared there ſhall be *ſuch a day of deliverance, as the like was never before it, nor never any ſhall be after it*; and all Friends are to ſtand ſtill, for there is our ſtrength to ſtand ſtill, and to wait upon our God, out of our thoughts, reaſonings, and conſultations, and all keep in the Faith, for by that we ſhall conquer all our Enemies, both within and without, *Heb.* 11. 1. for that's our ground *of things hoped for, & the evidence of things not ſeen*. And Friends, this I declare, that I perceive ſuch a Faith that the Lord hath begotten in his deſpiſed People called *Quakers*, in *England*, that fear not Baniſhment, no, nor death it ſelf; and this I find is begotten in thouſands that cannot ſpeak much for Truth, but they have Faith to ſuffer for Truth if the Lord calls them to it, whereby it is evident they ſhall have at laſt the victory, and ſhall be ſaved in the Ark, the Light: which that was but a figure of, that ſaved *Noah*

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and his family from drowning in the waters; and as the old world mocked *Noah*, and would not believe that the Ark would save him, so hath this Age mocked the People of the Lord, for believing in so low a thing as the Light, they say is. But the Lord hath suffered a Flood to arise in this *Nation*, that hath well-nigh fetched off all the *highest Professions* in *England*; though they have flown from Mountain to Hill, yet the Flood *hath arisen, and will arise*, to fetch them all off: but all those that abide in the Ark, the Light, shall flote upon the top of the Waters, and shall be safe, until the Waters are abated; wherein a New Earth shall appear, in which shall dwell Righteousness.

So all Friends who believe in the Ark, and dwell in it, *keep to the Word of his Patience*, and then your belief will not cause you to make haste, for the Lord in his good time will perform what is here written, to the renown of you his suffering Seed for evermore.

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